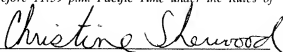


PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FROM THE OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicant : Lutz Biedermann, et al. Confirmation No. 7913
Application No. : 10/799,143
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Title : ANCHORING ELEMENT FOR USE IN SPINE OR BONE SURGERY,
METHODS FOR USE AND PRODUCTION THEREOF

Grp./Div. : 3733
Examiner : Mary C. Hoffman

Docket No. : 56717/B884

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Commissioner:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office action dated July 12, 2007 for three month(s) from October 12, 2007 to January 12, 2008.

The fee for extension of time required by 37 CFR § 1.17 is calculated below.

FEE CALCULATION			
LENGTH OF EXTENSION	SMALL ENTITY	LARGE ENTITY	FEE
WITHIN FIRST MONTH	\$ 60.00	\$ 120.00	\$
WITHIN SECOND MONTH	\$ 230.00	\$ 460.00	\$
WITHIN THIRD MONTH	\$ 525.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
WITHIN FOURTH MONTH	\$ 820.00	\$1,640.00	\$
WITHIN FIFTH MONTH	\$1,115.00	\$2,230.00	\$


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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